

**Voice of the Faithful**  
**Board of Trustees**  
**January 20, 2020**

Attending: Mary Pat Fox, Anne Southwood, Pat Gomez, Margaret Roylance, Mike Ryan, Larry Mulligan; also, Executive Director Donna Doucette

Prayer: Anne read St. Thomas More's Be With Us Today.

Minutes: The minutes for the November meeting were approved.

Financial: Anne reported that we are remain in the comfortable financial position we have enjoyed this fiscal year, with net assets down only five percent despite the significant conference expenses. In response to Pat's question concerning a development charge in December, Donna explained in a follow up email that it resulted from using the accrual method for financial statements while cash flow is on an actual expenditure basis.

Executive director's report: Donna described the somewhat confusing situation with December donations, both by mail and online, which seemed to have stopped around mid-month. She will follow up. Donna summarized the importance to us of major donors and foundations and related that to the discussion of development costs.

2020 conference: Mary Pat indicated a conference call would discuss possible themes.

Financial working group: Margaret observed that minor adjustments were being made for the 2020 survey. Nick is drafting the letter to be sent with the survey to the bishops. The committee also has a new focus on governance and accountability for another worksheet. Margaret also advised that VOTF has been invited to the February 28/29 meeting of the Roundtable, which she and Mary Pat plan to attend.

Protecting children working group: Pat announced her work retirement at the end of the month, which will allow her to advance the effort to provide a working tool for evaluation the group will conduct.

Bylaws: Mary Pat noted the need for new board members, and the need to address the qualifications in the ongoing redrafting of the bylaws.

Next meeting: February 17, 2020.

Closing prayer: Glory be, recited by all.